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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 July 2006.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. 20060725.
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

Non-Final Rejection (RCE)

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submissions filed on 06/08/2006 and 07/07/2006 has been entered. Claims 1-10 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-3 and 6-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Uchida et al (EP 0 814 470 A2).

Claim 1, Uchida et al shows an optical recording medium in Figs. 1 and 2 which includes; a transparent substrate 2' (Column 4, line 43) on the bottom having a center hole H, a reflective layer 21' (Column 4, lines 42-48), which is provided on the substrate at an outer side of a circumference of the center hole; a first adhesive layer 3 (Column 4, line 47) which is provided on the reflective layer at an outer side of a circumference of the center hole; a second adhesive layer 24+24' (Column 7, lines 26-29), which is formed on a portion of the transparent substrate; and another substrate 2 which is laminated on the adhesive layer has a shape that is the same as that of the

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transparent substrate, wherein the reflective layer resides between the transparent substrate and the another substrate, the portion resides between an edge portion of the center hole and an inner circumferential portion of a region having the reflective layer formed thereon.

Claims 2 and 3, Uchida et al further shows that a width of the second adhesive layer in a radial direction thereof is in a range of 0.4-1.0mm (Column 5, lines 30-31 and 39-41)

Claims 6-8, Uchida et al further shows that the thickness of the adhesive is in the range of 5 to 100 microns (Column 5, lines 30-32).

Claim 9. Uchida et al further shows that adhesive layers formed by screen printing (Column 5, line 55).

Claim 10, Uchida et al shows that the substrate includes a polycarbonate (Column 5, lines 1-4).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 4 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Uchida et al in view of Itoigawa et al (JP 9-69239).

Claims 4 and 5, Uchida et al shows that the adhesive is ultraviolet ray-curable (Column 7, line 26-27) and cation-curing (Column 6, line 46-48); but does not particularly specify slow-acting and epoxy resin.

Itoigawa et al further show an adhesive, which is a slow-acting (the time to hardening is long after the bonding agent is applied, see ABSTRACT, SOLUTION section) and cation-curing ultraviolet ray-curable resin containing an epoxy as a main component thereof ([0013]). And it is also commonly recognized that the UV-curable adhesive is epoxy resin.

It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to one of ordinary skill in the art to believe that the adhesive used in Uchida use the adhesive is slow-acting and epoxy resin as taught by Itoigawa et al for both first and second adhesive layer.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tianjie Chen whose telephone number is (703) 305-7499. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-4:30, Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hoa Nguyen can be reached on (703) 305-9687. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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